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SUBJECT: TARIFF INCREASE ON COPPER SCRAP

1. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY A
MAJOR U.S. EXPORTER OF COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP TO KOREA
THAT, ACCORDING TO RUMORS HEARD BY HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN
SEOUL, ROKG PLANS TO INCREASE IMPORT DUTY ON THIS ITEM TO
12 1/2 PERCENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1977.

2. CURRENT TARIFF ON COPPER SCRAP, BTN 74.01, IS 10 PER-
CENT WHICH IS SHOWN IN ROK TARIFF SCHEDULE AS TEMPORARY
RATE AGAINST PERMANENT OR GENERAL RATE OF 15 PERCENT, NOT
BOUND UNDER GATT. EXPORTER IS CONCERNED THAT 25 PERCENT
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INCREASE IN DUTY RATE IN PRESENT BUYERS' MARKET WHEN COPPER
SCRAP INVENTORIES ARE HIGH AND PRICES ARE DOWN WILL PROVE
ADVERSE TO HIS FIRM'S COMPETITIVE POSITION AND PROFITS.

3. U.S. EXPORTS TO KOREA WERE AS FOLLOWS:
UNALLOYED COPPER SCRAP, SCHED. B NO. 2840210
1975 QUANTITY 19.9 MILLION POUNDS; VALUE \$9.6 MILLION

1976 JAN.-OCT. QUANTITY 17.8 MILLION POUNDS, VALUE \$9.4
MILLION

ALLOY COPPER SCRAP SCHED. B NO. 2840220

1975 QUANTITY 21.8 MILLION POUNDS; VALUE \$9.4 MILLION

1976 JAN.-OCT. QUANTITY 14.5 MILLION POUNDS; VALUE
\$6.5 MILLION -

TOTAL 1975: QUANTITY 41.7 MILLION POUNDS; VALUE \$19.0
MILLION

TOTAL 10 MONTHS 1976: QUANTITY 32.3 MILLION POUNDS;
VALUE \$15.9 MILLION

4. EMBASSY CONFIRMATION OF REPORTED TARIFF INCREASE
(AND EXPLANATION OF ROKG RATIONALE) WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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